huge earthwork in the path of enlightened effort. In this connection it is well worth while for parents to study at least two chapters—those on Language and Conceptions—of Archbishop Thomson's *Outline of the Laws of Thought.** It is profitable to know that there *are* laws of thought, the infringement of which is calamitous both for the individual and the community.

Notes and Queries.

We have received some valuable "Notes," but do not publish all in this number, partly, that we may first take an opportunity to make clear to our readers the design of our "Notes and Queries" pages.

"Notes" are suggestions (bearing on any and every subject connected with the bringing up of "children," of all ages) *which are open to and invite discussion.*

"Queries" cover the same ground in the form which the word suggests—questions, that is, whether to be answered by a member of the Correspondence Syndicate or by readers of the *Parents' Review.*

In "Notes and Queries" we open, practically, a parents' debating club, and reserve to ourselves the power to devote our "Notes and Queries" pages to a debate on any one subject. We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions advanced in these pages. Members of the Correspondence Syndicate will sign their answers with the initials, C.S.

Until what age ought a child to have a warm bath *every* evening? The morning cold bath is always continued; but is not a hot daily bath too relaxing?—INQUIRER.

I am very anxious to make the most of my time, yet each evening I seem to have left a number of things undone. Perhaps the editor, or some of the readers of the *Parents' Review*, can give me some help? With your permission, I will name the things I ought to do, and a few of those I would like to do. I have four children, from one to seven years of age, and one nurse. In the morning I have to arrange the meals, &c., dust the drawing-room, attend to the plants, take charge of the children while the nurse tidies the night nursery, and teach the

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two elder children; then I must practise with the eldest boy, who learns the violin. When the weather is fine, the children go out for about two hours before dinner, and I have that time as a rule to myself. After dinner I go to the nursery while the nurse dines; and at 5.30 we commence to put the babies to bed. Besides doing these things, which I regard as absolute duties, I am very fond of music and painting, and must read to keep abreast of the times; and I have many social duties to perform. The nurse and I also make all the children's clothes. I can truly say I am sometimes almost distracted. How is a mother to fulfil her duties?—MATER.

Prizes.

1.—Mrs. F. Steinthal writes:—"Would you allow a competition to be entered in the *Review?* If so, might I offer the following: *A Prize* for the best drawing from a child's toy thing. *A Prize* for the best painting from an object. *A Prize* for the best model in clay. The competition is only open to boys and girls under nine years of age. The work must be sent in before May 1st, and the names of the winners will appear in the June number." We are most glad that the stimulus of these prizes should be offered to the children; and we hope, also, that the six most promising of the little competitors may have the advantage of a few helpful hints from Mrs. Steinthal.

2.—*A Prize* for the most complete and prettily-arranged collection of spring flowers (wild). The children must remember that trees bear flowers. Open to boys and girls under nine years of age.

3.—*A Prize* for the most complete collection of spring flowers (wild), *botanically* arranged and described. Limit of age, eighteen.

Particulars as to when and how these competitions should be sent in will appear in the March number.